


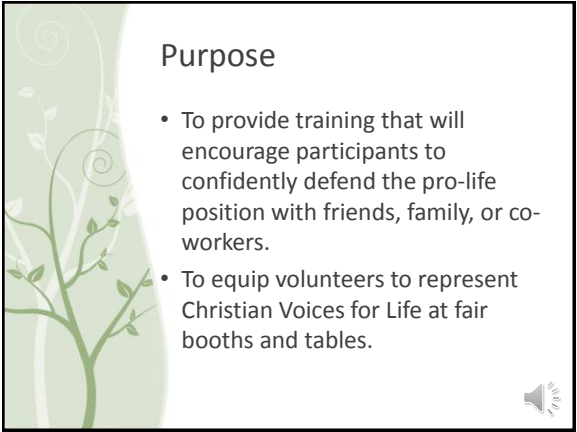
**Voice for Life
Training
Part II**

Preparation to defend the pro-life position and represent Christian Voices for Life



Hello






Purpose


- To provide training that will encourage participants to confidently defend the pro-life position with friends, family, or co-workers.
- To equip volunteers to represent Christian Voices for Life at fair booths and tables.

General Strategies: Summary

- Listen, ask good questions.
- Look for common ground.
- Think about how to get to the real question of the humanity of the child.
- Tell stories, ask questions.
- Graphic pictures are available to use, not required.




Part II:
The Real Issue
and
Answering
Pro-abortion
Arguments




The real question: Is the preborn child a human person?

- Do you believe in human rights?
 - Who gets human rights?
 - Can we agree that **IF** the preborn child is a living, growing, human person, that it would be wrong to kill him or her?



The real question: Is the preborn child a human person?

- Is he another species?
- Is he a part of mom's body or just contained within it?
 - male?
 - Different blood type?
 - unique DNA?



Objections



- But a fetus is not a baby




- Nor is a toddler same as teen



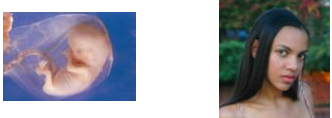
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- S – Size**
- L – Level of development**
- E – Environment**
- D - Dependency**




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S – Size

Are bigger people more human than smaller people? Do they have more human rights? So does it make sense that human rights do not depend on size?



How does the preborn child differ from other people?



L – level of development

Do teens have more human rights than babies? So does it make sense that human rights do not depend on level of development?



A ball of cells is not a person!

➤ Can I show you some pictures?



8 weeks:
all organ systems present



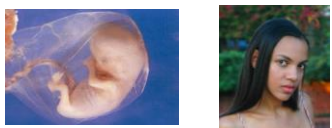
Going back in time

YOU ← YOU ← YOU
adult ← ten yr old ← baby



6 months 8 weeks 3 days


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E - Environment

Does the nature of a person change with location?

How does the preborn child differ from other people?




D - dependency


If a person is dependent on dialysis or insulin or CPR in order to survive for a time, does that make him less of a person?

Value as a Person

- Does personhood – and our responsibility to the child grow gradually as they develop?
- Fertilization is the beginning of a new life; he or she will live until they die.




Loch Ness Story
(Stephanie Gray)




- Polaroid picture is destroyed
- Have you lost something of value?


It just needed time to develop.



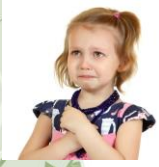
Value as a Person



- Situations other than abortion
 - a friend has a miscarriage



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But what about....?

- Mom's right to decide

Q: Does mom have a right to decide how to raise and discipline her child?

Objections

- But mom has a right to control her body.




Violinist analogy – do you have to stay plugged in?


Refuting Bodily Rights

- Responsibility
 - child - you are responsible
 - dads – child support
- organ use is different
 - kidney use – not natural
 - uterus – natural for mom to give « child support ».
- Parental Relationship

Pregnant Mom wants control



Q: Does mom have a right to take a medicine that she knows might harm her pre-born child?



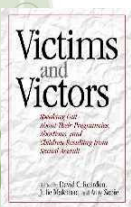
But what about....?

- Poverty, single moms....




But what about.... ?

- Rape




Book: *Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting from Sexual Assault*
by Makimaa, Sobie Reardon

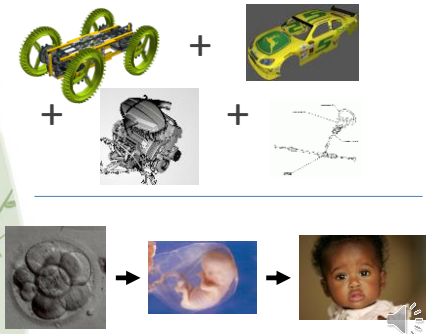


What do they say?


- After abortion:
"They say abortion is the easy way out, the best thing for everyone, but they are wrong. It has been over 15 years, and I still suffer."
- Rebecca Morris
- After giving birth:
"I thank God for the strength He gave me to go through the bad times and for all of the joy in the good times. I will never regret that I chose to give life to my daughter."
- Mary Murray



Growth vs. Manufacture




« Person »



Another point – what does abortion do?

Abortion Techniques

- Suction - most common
- Abortion Pill – RU486
- Saline
- Dismemberment (D & E)
- Late term - induction or MOLD




Summary

Whether someone is trying to validate abortion based on

Needs – poverty, stress

OR Mom’s right to choose,

the real question is whether the preborn child is a person – just like a child after birth – with the right to live.



The preborn child differs from other people in...




S – Size

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Women's Rights

Career, husband, vote.. YES



To harm her child, abort... NO




Difficult circumstances

- Poverty, single moms....



Summary

Every one of our lives began at the moment of fertilization. We are each unique beings, different than any other. If we had died at any point, whether at 2 days or 2 months or 2 years – our lives would have ended.



Conclusion



THANK YOU!!

www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org

- information
- weekly emails
- events
- Facebook page.

